

**Professional Development Committee
Richmond, Virginia
January 9, 2008
10:30am**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Randy Abernathy-Chair Kathy Eubank Holly Frost Nick Klimenko Donna Hurst Dave Cullen	Billy Altman	Gary Brown Scott Winston Michael Berg Beth Singer David Edwards Warren Short Thomas Nevetral Greg Neiman Chad Blosser	Ken Williams Jon Blank Marcia Pescitani Teresa Ashcraft Holly Sturdevant

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
I. Welcome	The Meeting was called to order at 10:45 am	
II. Introductions	Members of the Committee and guests introduced themselves	
III Approval of Agenda	Members of the Committee reviewed the Draft Agenda	Motion by: Kathy Eubank To approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by: Nick Klimenko Vote: Unanimously Approved
IV. Approval of Previous Minutes	The Committee reviewed the minutes from the October 10, 2007 meeting (ATTACHMENT: A)	Motion by: Dave Cullen To approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by: Holly Frost Vote: Unanimously Approved

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V. Reports of Committee Members	a. Officer Reports – Randy Abernathy has spoken to Dr. Ornato about attending our meetings as he was appointed to the board of the National Registry	
	b. Reports of Committee Members	
	<p>c. Office of EMS</p> <p>i. Division of Educational Development- Warren Short</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staffing – Still down 1 staff person, our receptionist position. May not be filled until another position in the Office is filled. The new Certification Test Examiner position should be hired after the move of the DED section to our new location in mid-February. 2. NEMSES Draft 2.0 – has been out for 3 months. There is a meeting February 11 & 12, 2008 in Tyson's Corner (NOVA) for National Stakeholders and the Office is planning to have a presence. Draft 3.0 will be out in early Summer and the Final Draft is due to NHTSA in September 2008. This educational model works for other allied health programs, but how do we make it work in EMS? The Atlantic EMS Council is looking into writing a standard curriculum and considering a practical analysis. If it goes through, one benefit will be easier Reciprocity amongst the member states. The National Registry (NR) has made plans to implement the new Standards in testing as early as 2009. It may take up to 2 years to transition to the new Standards in Virginia. Gary Brown reported that this issue was a hot topic at the last National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) meeting. We are good at the ALS level but EMT-B is a concern. In 2012, the NR will only test Paramedic students from programs that are Accredited. Gary Brown commended everyone for pushing forward with ALS Accreditation and positioning Virginia so well to fit into the Standards. Holly Frost expressed concern with the role of NR in this whole process as a vendor, it appears they have steadily been working to create a monopoly. <p>ii. ALS Training Specialist-Tom Nevetral</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NREMT/CBT – ALS Testing - Nothing is in the works, results are coming back within 4 hours of candidates taking the exams. Virginia is doing better than other states at the CBT according to a recent survey BLS Testing – A number of requests have come in from EMT's wishing to take the NR Test. They should go to our website and download the form, complete it and send it in. Tom is processing around 20 applications a month. 2. Scope of Practice Impact Committee – Sub-committee of the Medical Direction Committee (MDC); Dr. George Lindbeck, Dr. Peter Bruzzo and Capt George Brown from Fairfax. They have been in place for a while and have met a few times. They will make a recommendation at the next MDC meeting, January 17, 	

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<p>Break for Lunch 12:00pm Reconvene @ 12:25pm</p>	<p>2008. Surveys were sent to EMT-Instructors and ALS Coordinators to get an idea if we were asking the right questions. 14,000 EMS Providers in Virginia were then sent e-mails to participate in the survey and the results are still coming in.</p> <p>iii. BLS Training Specialist</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMS Instructor Updates After doing 22 Updates in the last two years, Only 5 updates have been scheduled for 2008: April 8, 2008 6:00pm ODEMSA – Location TBA June 14, 2008 9:00am WVEMS – Virginia Tech VAVRS Rescue College September 27, 2008 9am TEMS – VAVRS Convention October 11, 2008 9:00am NOVA – Fairfax County November 15, 2008 8:30am – Symposium Online Update is still in development but with the move it probably won't be up before the April Update. 2. EMS Instructor Institute Next Institute is January 26-30, 2008, we have almost 24 Candidates Dates for the rest of the year should be posted on the web soon. 3. Survey of Providers - Only 96 people have taken the survey since it has been implemented. We should consider changing how we collect the data. <p>iv. Funding and Accreditation – Chad Blosser (ATTACHMENT: B)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ALSTF – \$458,000 distributed of the \$1.2 million. On track to disburse at least \$1 million this year if not the full amount. We have seen a spike in reimbursement claims this year. 2. Accreditation Update – No change from last PDC meeting. Site review for Hampton Fire & EMS set for this month. <p>v. Regulations – Michael Berg</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional Designation Process and Financial Assistance for Agencies regulations went into effect January 1, 2008; information is available on the OEMS website. 2. Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) for the DDNR Regulations has been approved by the Governor's Office and we are waiting for it to go to the Registrar for publication for the 30-day public comment period. 3. Periodic Review of Regulations. New Draft Regulations are still in review. After they have been reviewed and approved by the AG's Office and Board of Health there will be 5 Public Hearings around the Commonwealth 	
<p>VI. Reports of Pilot Programs</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Competency Based EMT-B Program Pilot <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Prince William County- PWC has not had a course since October and has no report ii. Roanoke Valley Regional Fire Training Center (ATTACHMENT: C) 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. JSRCC – Hanover County – No Report Received iv. TCC – Lorna Ramsey – (ATTACHMENT: D) b. Rural Competency Based EMT-B Pilot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Connie Purvis – 17 Student have completed the didactic portion and are completing their clinical component. Connie reports that the Skills Check-off sheets worked extremely well and she will continue to use them even if the Pilot Program does not continue. ii. Gary Dalton – No Report Received iii. Steve Puckett – No Report Received iv. Delbert Garrett – No Report Received v. Monique Dixon – No Report Received 	
VII. Ad-hoc Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Intermediate Curriculum Review – No Report Committee is not active and will be removed from the Agenda until they have something to report. b. BLS Curriculum Review – The Committee last met November 27, 2007 (ATTACHMENT: E). After much discussion the committee determined that with the new Educational Standards being finalized by the end of this year, there is not enough time to continue working on changes to the Curriculum, finalize them, and roll them out before we would need to start again. The committee voted to request the PDC to allow them to change their mission and refocus their efforts on the new Standards. c. BLS Certification Evaluator Committee – No Report, the Committee is waiting on the Test Committee to finalize their work. A joint meeting is planned. d. EMS Instructor Credentialing – No Report. Members of the committee will be attending the Institute in January to evaluate our current process. e. BLS Certification Test Committee – The Committee last met on November 28, 2007 (ATTACHMENT: F). The PDC discussed the efforts of the Committee and requested more information regarding the current work. 	<p>Motion by: Dave Cullen To approve the request by the BLS Curriculum Review Committee to refocus their mission to address the emerging Educational Standards Seconded by: Nick Klimenko</p> <p>Vote: Unanimously Approved.</p>
VIII. Previous Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. MDC request regarding Enhanced Curriculum Change – Tom Nevetral discussed the history behind the discussion to remove intubation at the Enhanced level. MDC will be discussing this at their meeting on January 17, 2008. Tom presented the results of a survey of ALS Coordinators regarding Enhanced Intubation. (ATTACHMENT: G). For now, PDC does not need to take any action. 	
IX. New Business	Field Internship Requirements for EMT-B's under new Education Standards- Nick Klimenko expressed concerns about implementation and logistics for the current recommendations for	

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	Field Internship for EMT-B's in the new Education Standards. (ATTACHMENT: H) The committee discussed the implications and the consensus was that while it may delay students in completing the course, in the end it would produce better providers. No action needed.	
X. Public Comment	None	
XI. Dates for 2008 Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. January 9, 2008 b. April 9, 2008 c. July 9, 2008 d. October 8, 2008 	
XII. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:02pm	



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Professional Development Committee
Wednesday, January 9, 2008
Marriott West - Innsbrook
10:30 AM
Agenda

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- I. Welcome**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Approval of Agenda**
- IV. Approval of Minutes from October 10, 2007**
- V. Reports of Committee Members**
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 - i. Division of Educational Development-Warren Short, OEMS
 - 1. Staffing
 - 2. National EMS Education Standards (NEMSES) Draft 2.0
 - ii. ALS Training Specialist- Tom Nevetral, OEMS
 - 1. NREMT/CBT
 - 2. Scope of Practice Impact Committee
 - iii. BLS Training Specialist-Greg Neiman, OEMS
 - 1. EMS Instructor Updates
 - 2. EMS Instructor Institute
 - 3. Survey of Providers
 - iv. Funding and Accreditation-Chad Blosser, OEMS
 - 1. ALSTF
 - 2. Accreditation Update
 - v. Regulations-Michael Berg
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- b. Rural Competency Based EMT-B Pilot
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VII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- a. Intermediate Curriculum Review-No Report
- b. BLS Curriculum Review – Linda Johnson-Chair
- c. BLS Certification Evaluators Committee-Linda Johnson-Chair
- d. EMS Instructor Credentialing – Nick Kleminko-Chair
- e. BLS Certification Test Committee-Jeff Reynolds-Chair

VIII. Previous Business

- a. MDC request regarding Enhanced Curriculum Change-Tom Nevetral

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- a. Field Internship Requirement for EMT-B under New Education Standards-Nick Kleminko

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XII. Adjourn

Attachment: A
January 9, 2008 PDC Minutes

Approved
October 10, 2007
Minutes of the PDC

**Professional Development Committee
Marriott West – Richmond, Virginia
October 10, 2007
10:30 a.m.**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Randy Abernathy-Chair	Donna Helmick-Excused	Amanda Davis	Shaun E. Carpenter-CSEMS
Dave Cullen	Nick Kleminko	Michael Berg	Lisa Atkins-New Kent Fire & EMS
Holly Frost		Warren Short	Heidi Hooker-ODEMSA
Billy Altman		Tom Nevetral	Linda Johnson-TJEMS/Charlottesville Fire
Kathy Eubank		Greg Neiman	Deborah T. Akers-WVEMS
Jeffrey Reynolds		Chad Blosser	Marcia Pescitani-NOVA
		David Edwards	Mary Peyton Miller-Hanover Fire & EMS

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I. Welcome	The meeting was called to order at 10:50 am without a quorum.	
II. Introductions	Members of the Committee and guests introduced themselves	
V. Reports of Committee Members	A. Officer Reports-Randy Abernathy has spoken with Dr. Dudley to get up to speed	
	B. Reports of Committee Members <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Holly Frost- Scope of Practice. 2. Dave Cullen-Regional Councils Town Hall Forum in Staunton at the Stonewall Inn. 3. Dave Edwards-EMSC-Now Officially with the OEMS, embracing the principals of National EMSC. Recent Survey regarding Mandatory Reporting and Child/Adult Abuse. 5. Billy Altman-None. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Randy-VAGEMSA – Recruitment and Retention Program working with the Office 	

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	<p>to Co-sponsor a day-long program. Placement of the Office in State Government, forum at Convention.</p> <p>6. Jeffrey Reynolds-None.</p> <p>7. Kathy Eubank-VAVRS-None.</p>	
	Kathy Eubank and Jeffrey Reynolds entered. A quorum was declared and the committee returned to the top of the agenda.	
III. Approval of Agenda	The Meeting Agenda was reviewed. (ATTACHMENT A)	Motion By: Dave Cullen To approve the agenda as presented Second By: Billy Altman Vote: Unanimously Approved
IV. Approval of Minutes	The minutes of the July 11, 2007 PDC Meeting were reviewed. (ATTACHMENT B)	Motion By: Kathy To approve the minutes as amended. Second By: Dave Cullen Vote: Unanimously Approved
V. Reports of Committee Members (con't)	C. Office of EMS 1. DED-Warren a. DED Receptionist Position still open. b. NEMSES Draft 2 now posted to the web. i. Comments are being solicited. ii. Final Draft will go to NHTSA September 2008. iii. National Registry has proposed stopping testing current EMT-B standards by August 2009. iv. How do we incorporate this into the current EMT-Instructors? a. Depending on what the new Standards contain, current Instructors that are EMT-B certified may not be qualified to teach the new standards. v. Kathy Eubank expressed concern at the implication that all classes should	

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	<p>be done in the college environment.</p> <p>vi. Atlantic EMS Council-Warren is hoping to have them create a Regional Curriculum amongst member states to standardize the training at the BLS level.</p> <p>c. Symposium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 1700 Attendees ii. 290+ Classes iii. Some classes were canceled based on enrollment numbers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Transition Classes-Contact Tom Nevetral iv. Virginia's Symposium ranks high in quality of offerings compared to others around the country. <p>d. HJR 743</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Incentives for recruitment/retention of volunteer Fire & EMS areas of interest include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. VOLSAP b. Tuition funding ii. Anything with money-stream must have financing tied to it iii. Office is looking to add outcome measures on the funding <p>2. ALS Training Specialist-Tom Nevetral</p> <p>a. NREMT-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Process in place for VA EMT interested in obtaining NREMT-B Certification. ii. Complete form posted on our website and submit with copy of current CPR card. iii. Holly Frost-Detailed results on failures are now available on the web for the coordinators. <p>b. NREMT Computer Based Testing/Computer Adaptive Testing-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. We are seeing results posted in 4-8 hours. ii. New Pearson Vue Test Centers have been added. iii. If you or your students are having poor service from Pearson Vue, notify Heidi Erb at the National Registry. <p>c. National Scope of Practice Impact Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Ad-hoc committee of Medical Direction Committee. ii. Survey out to a small sampling to determine if it meets the needs and once tweaked will be sent out to 14,000+ providers via e-mail. 	

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	iii. Currently appears that the physicians are split on implementation of Scope. iv. We are planning a discussion of the Scope of Practice at ALS Coordinators meeting at Symposium.	
Break for Lunch 12:13pm Reconvene at 12:45pm		
	3. BLS Training Specialist-Greg Neiman a. Instructor Updates i. BREMS-July iii. LFEMSC-August iv. REMS-September v. VAVRS-September vi. NOVA-October 20 th vii. Symposium viii. 2008 Schedule out. After 2 years of traveling to every council at least once (some twice) we will only have 5 Instructor Updates next year: a. ODEMSA-March 8 th 6pm-10pm – TBD. b. WVEMS-June 14 th 9am-1pm – Virginia Tech. c. VAVRS-September 27 th 9am-1pm – VA Beach. d. NOVA-October 11 th 9am-1pm – Fairfax Co. e. Symposium-November 15 th 8:30am-12pm – Norfolk. ix. To offset the reduced dates DED is planning to put the Update on the Web, probably through TrainVA. b. Instructor Institute i. Next date October 13-17 th in the Winchester Area. ii. Next Instructor Practical Exam is December 1, 2007 iii. Next Institute-end of January, 2008 c. Survey of Providers-(ATTACHMENT C) 4. Funding and Accreditation – Chad Blosser a. ALSTF (ATTACHMENT D) b. Accreditation (ATTACHMENT E) c. Sim-baby Update – almost all Sim-babies have been distributed. This year the Office purchased computerized IV Trainers for all accredited programs and distribution is ongoing. d. TrainVirginia (ATTACHMENT F)	

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	<p>5. Regulations – Michael Berg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Financial Assistance and EMS Council Designation Regulations are still in the Governor’s Office. b. Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) signed by Governor’s Office on Regulation Changes. c. New Training Regulations have been reviewed and returned by AG’s Office, will be working with DED on the recommended revisions. d. Plan to hold five (5) Public Hearings to solicit comments on the new regulations around the Commonwealth. e. Board of Health meeting on October 19th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Update of State EMS Plan every 3 years ii. NOIRA on DDNR to clean up language f. Oversight of Consolidated Testing is moving from Regulation & Compliance to Training once the position can be hired. <p>6. Regional Council Study-Greg Neiman</p> <p>7. Grants/Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF)-Amanda Davis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Homeland Security Grant was approved for 1.39 Million Dollars for a web-based PPCR project. b. Pursuing a 4.5 Million PSAR Grant c. 2007 Fall RSAF-Online submission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. \$8.2 million was requested but only have \$4.5 million to distribute. ii. Salaries are not prohibited in the new regulations so Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC) is considering requests. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Should there be certain criteria imposed on salary requests? d. Next FARC meeting on Thursday, November 8th at Symposium. 	
VI. Reports of Pilot Programs	<p>A. Competency Based EMT-(ATTACHMENT G)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PWC 2. Roanoke Valley Regional Fire Training Center 3. JSRCC-Hanover County 4. Tidewater Community College-No Report <p>B. Rural Competency Based EMT-B Pilot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Connie Purvis: Class has begun 15 students enrolled 2. Gary Dalton: No class offered to date. 3. Steve Puckett – Only 1 class done back in spring 	

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	4. Delbert Garrett-No class offered to date 5. Monique Dixon-No class offered to date	
VII. Ad-hoc Committees	A. Intermediate Curriculum Review-No report B. BLS Curriculum Update Committee (ATTACHMENT H) C. BLS Certification Evaluator Committee-No report, waiting on Test Committee, planning a future joint committee meeting. D. EMS Instructor Credentialing Committee-No Report E. BLS Certification Test Committee – Attached is the working list of proposed practical stations. It is not final and is not being brought forward as a formal proposal at this time. For Information Purposes ONLY Not a final Document – Do not Cite or Quote (ATTACHMENT I)	Motion by: Committee To accept these updates to the EMT-Basic curriculum to be presented to MDC Vote: Unanimous
VIII. Previous Business	None	
IX. New Business	A. Medical Directions Committee (MDC) request regarding Enhanced Curriculum Change-Tom Nevetral	Motion by: Kathy Eubank To table making a recommendation back to MDC until we receive from the Office of EMS the estimated time frames required to teach these changes. Second by: Billy Altman Vote Unanimous
	B. Committee Membership-The Committee is required to have a licensed Physician as a member. The Office will approach the Medical Direction Committee and request a representative be appointed from their committee since we have had such a close working relationship in the past.	
	C. Other New Business-None	
X. Public Comment	None	
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XIII. Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm	

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ALS Training Funds Report
Accreditation Report

Advanced Life Support Training Funds Summary

As of January 4, 2008





ALS Training Funds Summary of Expenditures FY08

Training Fund Category	\$ Budgeted	\$ Obligated	\$ Disbursed	Remaining Funds
Accreditation Funding	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 29,000.00	\$ -	\$ 110,000.00
Basic Course Funding	\$ 454,804.00	\$ 1,190,497.50	\$ 327,791.06	\$ 127,012.94
Transition Program Funding	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 158,176.96	\$ 636.56	\$ 149,363.44
Auxiliary Program Funding	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 82,500.00	\$ 65,920.00	\$ 109,080.00
Individual/Organizational Tuition Funding	\$ 100,000.00		\$ 30,532.00	\$ 69,468.00
CE Funding by Planning District	\$ 210,196.00	\$ 85,680.00	\$ 33,187.00	\$ 177,009.00
Grand Total	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 1,545,854.46	\$ 458,066.62	\$ 741,933.38

In addition to disbursing more that \$880,000 in grant monies into the field for ALS training programs, the Office was also in a unique position to be able to purchase and distribute Laerdal Virtual IV™ training simulators to all accredited training sites across the Commonwealth.

Accredited Training Site Directory

As of January 4, 2008





Accredited Paramedic¹ Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	Site Number	Expiration	Accreditation Status
Associates in Emergency Care – GMRS	68303	11-2007	National – Initial
Associates in Emergency Care – LFCC	06111	11-2007	National – Initial
Associates in Emergency Care – Stafford	17908	11-2007	National – Initial
Center for Emergency Health Services – Fredericksburg	63013	11-2009	State – Full
Center for Emergency Health Services – Portsmouth	74014	11-2009	State – Full
Center for Emergency Health Services – Richmond	76028	11-2009	State – Full
Center for Emergency Health Services – Williamsburg	83006	11-2009	State – Full
Central Virginia Community College	68006	07-2009	State – Full
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College – Chesterfield	04107	11-2007	National – Initial
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College – Colonial Hgts.	57004	11-2007	National – Initial
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College – Goochland	07504	11-2007	National – Initial
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College – Hanover	08513	11-2007	National – Initial
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College – Henrico	08709	11-2007	National – Initial
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College – RAA	76029	11-2007	National – Initial
Jefferson College of Health Sciences	77007	05-2011	National – Continuing
Loudoun County Fire & Rescue	10704	05-2008	National – Initial
National College of Business & Technology	77512	11-2009	State – Full
Northern Virginia Community College	05906	05-2011	National – Continuing
Patrick Henry Community College	08908	08-2008	State – Conditional
Piedmont Virginia Community College/UVa	54006	11-2008	National – Initial
Southwest Virginia Community College	18507	01-2008	National – Continuing
Tidewater Community College	81016	05-2011	National – Continuing
Tidewater Community College – NNFDTC	70014	05-2011	National – Continuing
VCU School of Medicine Paramedic Program	76011	03-2008	National – Continuing

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Legend: - Community College Main Site - Private Business Main Site - Alternate Site

Accredited Intermediate¹ Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	Site Number	Expiration	Accreditation Status
Central Shenandoah EMS Council Intermediate Program	79001	05-2010	State – Full
John Tyler Community College	04115	02-2008	State – Conditional
Lord Fairfax Community College	06903	06-2007	State – Full
New River Valley Training Center	75004	12-2007	State – Conditional
Norfolk Fire-Rescue	71008	07-2007	State – Full
Franklin County Public Safety Training Center	06705	07-2008	State – Conditional
Old Dominion EMS Alliance	04114	08-2008	State – Conditional
Prince William County Paramedic Program	15312	07-2010	State – Full
Rappahannock Community College – Glenss	11903	07-2011	State – Full
Rappahannock Community College – Warsaw	15904	07-2011	State – Full
Rappahannock EMS Council Intermediate Program	63007	01-2009	State – Full
Roanoke Regional Fire-EMS Training Center	77505	12-2009	State – Full
Southside Rescue Squad	11708	07-2007	State – Full
UVa Prehospital Program	54008	07-2009	State – Full

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EMT-Intermediate Candidate Sites

Site Name	Site Number	Council	Accreditation Status
Tidewater EMS Council	unassigned	TEMS	Will be submitting a self study in 2007 for the Eastern Shore of Virginia.
Hampton City Fire-Rescue	unassigned	PEMS	Site visit scheduled for January 15, 2008.
James City County Fire-Rescue	unassigned	PEMS	Inquired about how to set up a site.

Coverage:

Paramedic Programs

	Number of Main Sites	Number of Alternative Sites
VCCS Institutions	7	6
Private Institutions	6	5

Intermediate Programs

	Number of Main Sites	Number of Alternative Sites
VCCS Institutions	3	1
Private Institutions	10	0

What is OEMS's plan or "next steps" to increase the 92 percent coverage within a 30-mile radius of accredited sites and to increase the number of accredited sites?

The OEMS Accreditation program is still growing and building on its own—with little or no specific action being taken by the Office. However, the Division of Educational Development continues to market to and educate ALS-Coordinators and Regional Councils during each of the EMS Instructor Updates conducted throughout the year [there are 10 updates held per year at a minimum]. The Division continues to encourage participation with the accreditation program whenever and where ever we have an audience.

The Office has recently been in communication with the Tidewater EMS Council and they are planning to submit a self-study sometime during FY08 which will bring training to the Eastern Shore, an area where training is desperately needed. According to our calculations, that will boost the coverage by accredited training sites to 96% of the Commonwealth.

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Pilot Program Reports
Roanoke Regional Training
Center

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1. Please select the name of the institution for which you are submitting a report.

Roanoke Valley Regional Fire Training Center

2. This is my _____ program using the initial pilot program standards?

Third

3. Has this program ended?

Yes

4. Please complete the following information about the program on which you are reporting:

Beginning Enrollment

9

How many passed the program?

9

How many failed the program?

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0
How many remain incomplete? 0
How many withdrew during the program? 0

5. Please complete the following information about the certification testing for the program on which you are reporting:
How many passed the state certification examination on the first attempt? 4
How many passed on subsequent attempts? 5
How did your pass rate for the state certification exam for the pilot program compare to previous programs that you coordinated? Slightly Below Average

6. Please complete the following information about the number of hours it took to complete these various aspects of the program on which you are reporting:
How many didactic hours? 68
How many lab hours? 68
How many clinical hours? 10
Total Number of Hours? 146

7. Do you feel the introduction of competencies increased the overall length of your class?
No

8. What percentage of Instructors were not VA Certified EMT Instructors?
44

9. Where were your non-certified EMT Instructors utilized? (click all that apply)
Didactic
Lab
Clinical

10. Overall, what percentage of the program was instructed by non-certified EMT Instructors?
56

11. What additional activity was needed to prepare non-certified EMT instructors for:
Didactic instruction None

Lab instruction

Breafing/Meeings

Clinical instruction

None

12. Which of the following criteria was useful in selecting non certified EMT Instructors: (check all that apply)

Other

13. What was the level of certification or credentials of your non-certified EMT instructors?

NREMT-P

14. What did you like most about this pilot program?

Unisg Non-Certified instructors

15. What recommendations do you have for changes for the next round of pilot programs?

None

16. What did not work well?

Nothing

17. What recommendations do you have for potential implementation statewide?

None

18. Other comments you wish to share?

No

19. Choose one category below which best describes where your institution is located.

Urban area with a population of 150,000-500,000

20. For your entire student body, please indicate the racial or ethnic group breakdown--please provide actual numbers, NOT percentages.

White

6

Black

3

Hispanic

0

Asian American

0

American Indians

0

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Pilot Program Reports
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1. Please select the name of the institution for which you are submitting a report.

Tidewater Community College

2. This is my _____ program using the initial pilot program standards?

Sixth

3. Has this program ended?

No

4. Please complete the following information about the program on which you are reporting:

Beginning Enrollment

119

How many passed the program?

92

How many failed the program?

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16
How many remain incomplete? 1
How many withdrew during the program? 10

5. Please complete the following information about the certification testing for the program on which you are reporting:
How many passed the state certification examination on the first attempt? Results still coming in-Many testing in Jan
How many passed on subsequent attempts? N/A to date
How did your pass rate for the state certification exam for the pilot program compare to previous programs that you coordinated? Will eval after Fall students test in Jan

6. Please complete the following information about the number of hours it took to complete these various aspects of the program on which you are reporting:
How many didactic hours? 76 approx
How many lab hours? 48 approx
How many clinical hours? 10-12
Total Number of Hours? 136 approx

7. Do you feel the introduction of competencies increased the overall length of your class?
Yes

8. What percentage of Instructors were not VA Certified EMT Instructors?
Didactic - 60%

9. Where were your non-certified EMT Instructors utilized? (click all that apply)
Didactic
Lab

10. Overall, what percentage of the program was instructed by non-certified EMT Instructors?
Is this question the same as #8?

11. What additional activity was needed to prepare non-certified EMT instructors for:
Didactic instruction Book, PPTs, AV, class activities, 1-1 discussions
Lab instruction

Competency booklet review
Clinical instruction N/A - Coordinator spoke to students
12. Which of the following criteria was useful in selecting non certified EMT Instructors: (check all that apply)
Subject knowledge
Other
13. What was the level of certification or credentials of your non-certified EMT instructors?
EMT Basic to Paramedic
14. What did you like most about this pilot program?
Allows students to draw additional knowledge and experience from additional instructors. Gives employees interest and platform for advancement. Eases scheduling during emergencies.
15. What recommendations do you have for changes for the next round of pilot programs?
Computerize the competencies for ease of tracking in different formats.
16. What did not work well?
Handwriting in each square of each student's booklet.
17. What recommendations do you have for potential implementation statewide?
I believe this should be used statewide!
18. Other comments you wish to share?
Thank you for allowing us this opportunity! This has been an excellent program and we look forward to continuing it!
19. Choose one category below which best describes where your institution is located.
Urban area of greater than 500,000 people
20. For your entire student body, please indicate the racial or ethnic group breakdown--please provide actual numbers, NOT percentages.
White N/A
Black N/A
Hispanic N/A
Asian American N/A
American Indians N/A

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BLS Curriculum Review
Committee Minutes
November 27, 2007

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BLS Curriculum Update Committee
Marriott West-Richmond, Virginia
November 27, 2007
10:30am

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Linda Johnson Pat Mercer Cookie Conrad Debbie Akers Jay Porter Rob Phillips Carla Mann	Shaun Carpenter-Excused Ray George-Excused Ron Early-Excused Russell Barnes David Morris Theresa Kingsly Tracey Jarrett-Excused	Greg Neiman	Holly Sturdevant

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
I. Welcome	The meeting was called to order at 1050	
II. Introductions	Members of the committee introduced themselves	
III. Approval of Minutes	The committee reviewed the minutes from the September 5, 2007 meeting. (ATTACHMENT A)	Motion by: Jay Porter To approve the minutes as presented. Seconded By: Debbie Akers Vote: Unanimously approved
IV. Review of Assignments	The committee reviewed the document forwarded from Shaun Carpenter (ATTACHMENTS B & C)	

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Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
V. General Discussions and Ideas	The committee discussed the Educational Standards and the implementation timetable of the items it has been working on. Even if everything was put together today and implementation was set for July 1, 2008, the Standards would be rolled out soon after and the committee would have to start again. Discussion continued about realigning the purpose of the committee.	Motion by: Jay Porter That Linda go back to PDC and ask them to allow the committee to set aside the current work and refocus on the Education Standards and begin planning for implementation in Virginia. Seconded by; Carla Mann Vote: Unanimously approved
VI. Assignments for the next Meeting	The Committee will review the Draft 2.0 Education Standards (Greg will send the web address) Committee members should prepare your comment documents and send them to Greg by January 30, 2008. Debbie Akers has already submitted her comments and will share them with the Committee.	
VII. Establish next meeting date	Thursday, February 21 st , 2008 10:00am	
VIII. Adjourn	The committee adjourned at 1400	

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BLS Certification Test
Committee Minutes
November 28, 2007

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**BLS Certification Test Committee
Marriott West-Richmond, Virginia
November 28, 2007
10:30 am**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Jeffrey Reynolds Mel Losick Kathy Eubank Tom Olander Steve Wade Debbie Akers Diane Hutchison	Dreama Chandler Helen Nelson PJ Fleenor-Excused	Greg Neiman Thomas Nevetral Chad Blosser	

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
I. Welcome	The meeting was called to order at 1050	
II. Introductions	No introductions were necessary	
III. Approve Minutes of Previous meeting	The Committee reviewed the minutes from the September 19 th , 2007 meeting (Attachment A)	Motion By: Mel Losick To approve the minutes as presented. Second By: Steve Wade Vote: Unanimously Approved
IV. Review of Proposed Check Sheets	The committee reviewed the skill sheets that had been completed by the members. (Attachment B)	

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Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
V. Other Items	There were no other items	
VI. Assignments for next meeting	Committee members should complete and submit outstanding work to Greg Neiman electronically by January 15 th , 2008. Greg will send the electronic copy of the BLS Practical Examination Manual to the committee and they should edit with track changes and submit back to him electronically by January 30 th .	
VII. Establish Next Meeting Date	February 6, 2008 10:30am Location TBA	
VIII. Adjournment	The Meeting was adjourned at 1430	

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**Enhanced Intubation Survey of
ALS-Coordinationators**

Intubation Survey for MDC 11-16-07- Corrected

Results Overview



Date: 1/7/2008 10:06 PM PST
Responses: Completes
Filter: Minus WVEMS

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1. Do you coordinate/instruct Virginia Enhanced Programs?

Yes		127	64%
No		70	36%
Total		197	100%

2. Are your Enhanced providers allowed by the agency OMD to intubate in the field?

Yes		126	64%
No		48	24%
NA		23	12%
Total		197	100%

3. Do you know of any issues within your EMS council area where there has been an issue/concern with any Enhanced provider intubating?




Yes		29	15%
No		168	85%
Total		197	100%

45 Responses



4. Do you personally feel that intubation at the EMT-Enhanced level should be:

a) an essential skill (required to be taught in all programs)		76	39%
b) an optional skill		73	37%
c) removed as a skill at the Enhanced level		48	24%
Total		197	100%




5. What is your level of provider certification?

EMT-Enhanced		4	2%
EMT-Intermediate		22	11%
EMT-Paramedic		171	87%
Total		197	100%











6. I am:

Male		138	71%
Female		56	29%
Total		194	100%

7. I am a:

volunteer provider		42	21%
career provider		80	41%
volunteer/career hybrid		75	38%
Total		197	100%

8. In which Regional Council do you primarily serve?

Blue Ridge EMS Council		13	7%
Central Shenandoah EMS Council		8	4%
Lord Fairfax EMS Council		4	2%
Northern Virginia EMS Council		21	11%
Old Dominion EMS Alliance		48	24%
Peninsulas EMS Council		25	13%
Rappahannock EMS Council		15	8%
Southwest Virginia EMS Council		19	10%
Thomas Jefferson EMS Council		12	6%
Tidewater EMS Council		32	16%
Western Virginia EMS Council		0	0%

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Total	197	100%
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Results Overview



Date: 1/7/2008 10:07 PM PST
Responses: Completes
Filter: Minus WVEMS

3. Do you know of any issues within your EMS council area where there has been an issue/concern with any Enhanced provider intubating?	
#	Response
1	not used
2	This skill is greatly needed on the Eastern Shore, as Enhanced is our largest provider base and not always is an Intermediate or Paramedic available.
3	Our Enhanced providers run in a rural area with long transports. Higher certified ALS Providers are few and far between. Getting an advanced airway can be critical.
4	No, I still have a concern. All the new ACLS guidelines and many OMD's are now opting away from an emphasis on intubation. It is difficult enough to get OR space for Intermediate and PArademic students. I think enhanced should only be taught the use of rescue airways such as the King, LTD, or Combitube. Ken Williams, VCU
5	The ability of the EMT-E to intubate is a critical element of our ALS reponse and also to serve as an adjunct to the EMT/I and EMT/P providers on critical ALS emergencies.
6	No, we require two intubations in the OR before they are cut loose to field tube.
7	No ... our intubation training for Enhanceds is very thorough, we require multiple live intubations under supervision in the OR, and do semi-annual skills review.
8	Regarding #2, there are a few select providers that were told they could intubate. Generally speaking, its not an overall accepted practice within the region. There has been some problems with unrecognized esophageal intubations.
9	There has been rare opportunity for the enhanced providers to intubate in our area and I question their skills and expertise in being proficient at this skill due to their lack of opportunity for "real patient" experience - a manikin just does not cut it!
10	dilution of the skill....too many providers, too few tubes
11	Low numbers of intubations per provider have led to poor success rates for EMT-E's
12	There was a significant debate before final approval.
13	Many people complain about enhance providers being able to appropriately intubate. Their debate is that they don't get a chance to do it in the OR on a live person. 1 intubation on a live person is NOT going to make the difference as the the proficiency of a providers ability to intubate. Enhanced providers are an essential part of our EMS system. Enhance providers should maintain the ability to intubate they go through the same testing as intermediates and paramedics. If their is an issue as to their proficiency then lets increase the training not put a band-aid on it and ignore the issue. Put the students through a regional or state stressed intubation and make the regulations as far as intubation stricter. Give them 1 attempt to intubate and then have a back up device.
14	Up until November 1, 2007 our enhanced providers could intubate. They were getting little if any chance to intubate as Intermediates and Paramedics were needing to intubate to keep their skills sharp. The number of intubations has decreased over the last decade or so and many of our advanced providers are going for extended periods of time without intubating. Of the Enhanced providers who did try to intubate the success level was very poor. In trainig sessions we found they we unable to maintain adequate skill retention and not able to meet performance standards. As a result, our OMD withdrew the skill from the EMT-Enhanced capability list.
15	There are no EMT-Es in my immediate area practicing at that level.
16	Some people are worried about skills becoming rusty with more people allowed to do the procedure
17	It is my understanding that most local OMDs are pulling E level intubation, and will likely pull other level intubation soon. this will be in favor of the King LT airway.
18	General concern - it is not a widely used skill and is under practiced. Many providers have never had the opportunity to perform the skill under a controlled setting with a more experienced provider, and yet are expected to be able to perform the skill on their own! If that is not a problem and a cause for great concern, I do not know what is. I do know I have no interest in most ALS providers attempting to intubate me or my family.
19	Dr. Lindbeck has for going to allow any future trained Enhanced providers to intubate. He has not pulled it from the currently certified EN yet.

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20	Intubation recently removed by OMD as Enhanced skill
21	however I know they attempts are unsuccessful frequently
22	No not at this time.
23	There has been much discussion that EMT-Enhanced providers do not get enough oppurtunities to stay proficient with intubation. With the few pre-hospital intubations there are it is hard enough to keep Paramedics proficient let alone EMT-Enhanced providers. I believe that EMT-Enhanced providers should not be allowed to intubate.
24	Virginia Beach pulled from enhanced scope of practice
25	Enhanced providers are not intubate unless they are with a released Intermediate or Paramedic

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DRAFT- 2.0 Education
Standards - Recommended
Field Internship for EMT-B's



Draft National EMS Education Standards

Knowledge Area: Hospital/Clinical Experience

Each educational step assumes mastery of previously stated competency. Each provider must demonstrate each competency within their scope of practice and for patients of all ages

Click on the "IG" icon (IG) in each section below to view the relevant instructional guidelines for this knowledge area.

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EMR	EMT	AEMT	Paramedic
<p>NA</p> <p>IG</p>	<p>Provide students with patient contact experience IG</p> <p>Students should observe emergency department operations for a minimum of eight hours to gain an appreciation for the continuum of care</p> <p>If an emergency department experience is not available, another clinical facility experience can be used</p> <p>Students should successfully perform ten patient assessments under the supervision of a qualified preceptor.</p>	<p>Provide students with patient contact experience IG</p> <p>Student must consistently demonstrate the ability to safely and effectively gain venous access in patients of all age groups.</p> <p>Student must demonstrate the ability to safely and effectively give inhaled, sublingual, subcutaneous, intramuscular and intravenous medications to patients of different age groups.</p> <p>Students must demonstrate the ability to effectively ventilate unintubated patients of all age groups.</p>	<p>Reference IG</p> <p>Committee on Accreditation for EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) standards and guidelines (www.coaemsp.org)</p>

		<p>The student must demonstrate the ability to perform an assessment and formulate and implement a treatment plan for patients with chest pain.</p> <p>The student must demonstrate the ability to perform an assessment and formulate and implement a treatment plan for patients with respiratory distress.</p> <p>The student must demonstrate the ability to perform an assessment and formulate and implement a treatment plan for patients with altered mental status.</p> <p>The student must demonstrate the ability to perform an assessment on pediatric, adult and geriatric patients.</p>	
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


Knowledge Area: Field Experience

Each educational step assumes mastery of previously stated competency. Each provider must demonstrate each competency within their scope of practice and for patients of all ages

Click on the "IG" icon () in each section below to view the relevant instructional guidelines for this knowledge area.

[Draft Standards](#) : [Educational Infrastructure](#) : Field Experience

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EMR	EMT	AEMT	Paramedic
NA 	Provide students with patient contact experience  <i>Student should observe five emergency calls.</i>	Provide students with patient contact experience  <i>The student must demonstrate the ability to serve as a team leader in a variety of prehospital emergency situations.</i>	Reference Committee on Accreditation for EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) standards and guidelines (www.coaemsp.org) 

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